

## NEWINGTON VOTERS IN HECTIC BATTLE

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mediate comment. Finally the moderator felt called upon to comment. "Why the ominous silence" he inquired.

The question broke the ice. Herbert L. Welch, former chairman of the board of education, objected to the erection of a fire station at Newington Junction, and said he didn't see the benefit. The question of the town and moved the whole matter to be tabled. The motion was lost by a large and loud vote, so loud that Mr. Welch was heard to remark something about "Four making as much noise as four hundred."

### Fire Stations Approved

The resolution for the appropriation was adopted, when Mr. Welch again raised the question of a need for a fire house at Newington Junction. Nathan C. Avery, chairman of the fire department committee read the report of the committee and answered questions, pointing out that a desired reduction of taxes, according to the New England board of fire underwriters, could only be brought about by adequate fire protection. He said this adequate protection means a fire house and a pump in each of the three districts. Newington Junction is now in insurance class F, which makes insurance rates, he said, range from \$1.37 to \$1.50 per \$100. Maple Hill, which has hydrants but no apparatus, is in class E with a rate between \$1 and \$1.12. The acquisition of proper apparatus and hydrants would put these districts in class D with still further reductions, he explained. Newington Center, according to Mr. Avery, is in class D because it has hydrants and a piece of apparatus. The apparatus is not a pump and is not satisfactory, and unless a pump is procured the district will go to Class E again.

The proposed appropriation, he continued, provided for three fire houses and three pumps with a total of more than half a mile of hose, so the water can be pumped from a brook or stream to any house in the town.

Mr. Welch asked if smaller apparatus than pumps would do, and was informed that anything smaller than a pump would not warrant a reduction in insurance rates.

**Three Pumps Needed**  
A question as to whether two pumps would not be enough for the town, was answered by Mr. Avery, who said the board of underwriters had ruled that each district needed its own pump, and that all three pumps could be called to a big fire at any one place.

It was reported that the fire department proposed to erect the Junction fire house on a plot 50x150 feet on the grounds of the Junction school. The school committee has made no objection to this plan.

In order that no more land be taken from school grounds than is needed, it finally was recommended that the plot be reduced to 50x100. This was accepted by the fire committee.

Health Commissioner John Fish proposed against a move to "build a shanty" on the school grounds. Mr. Avery objected to the term "shanty." Mr. Fish did not think the apparatus in other districts could be counted on for much help. "By the time you get the south end pump to north end fire, the building will be burned down," he complained.

The project was approved, and the fire department will be created.

In the case of the Center, it was reported that the Newington Center Volunteer fire department now owns some land which it will need to the town for a fire house, providing the town builds on it within six months.

When it finally was understood that this proviso means that work must be commenced within six months, the offer was accepted.

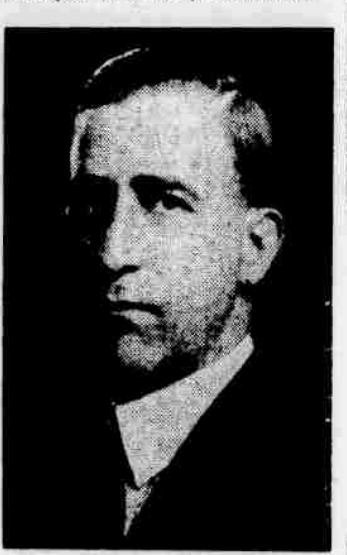
The meeting approved without argument a resolution to present a bill to the legislature authorizing the election of a board of three fire commissioners.

**Fight Over School**  
The resolution to accept the new junior high school was opposed by Charles B. Russell and R. H. Bray in an argument which rapidly became heated.

Mr. Russell contended that the

building was not erected according to specifications and offered a motion that no further payments be made until the specifications be carried out. Mr. Bray, who stood within arm's reach of Mr. Russell, followed an unprejudiced engineer be employed to inspect the building. Both motions were brought in by the men in writing. Mr. Bray denied that he represented any particular group, stating that so far as he was concerned he was acting as an individual.

Harry H. Howard, chairman of the board of education explained that six weeks ago the finance committee had voted an additional appropriation of \$10,500 to enable the school department to finish the school so as to get the pupils moved tomorrow. Ten days ago he said they got notice that payments had been stopped and no more permits would be issued. He said the school department has a definite contract with the architect and builder and if there are any disputes the only way to adjust them is by arbitration.



HARRY H. HOWARD

He complimented D. K. Perry of Perry & Bishop, who drew the plans for the school and said Mr. Perry has tried to give the school department fair treatment. "I am positive there is nothing structurally wrong with the school, but the situation has been intensified by arguments, none of them very clear," he added.

**Dozen Have Inspected School**  
Mr. Howard asked for a show of hands of how many people had inspected the school. About a dozen people held up their hands, although one woman objected to the showing because the building officially is not yet open to inspection. "How many of those who were down there are satisfied that changes are needed?" inquired Mr. Howard. There was no showing of hands this time.

Mr. Russell, who is a member of the building committee, charged that the architect had not complied with an agreement to place a copy of the plans and specifications in the hands of every member of the committee. "He sidestepped it," continued Mr. Russell, who added that the roof of the building was not according to specifications. He charged that meetings were held without all the members of the committee being notified. Mr. Howard replied "Since I've been ex officio member of the committee everyone has had a notice of a meeting. I'm protesting against unnecessary further delay. Let's have cooperation and arbitration and let's do away with further delay."

J. L. Harding, chairman of the building committee added that if a vote had not been notified when a meeting was called it was due to an oversight on the part of the secretary. All meetings have been called in formal and proper manner, he claimed. He added that the attitude of certain people towards the new school building is based on ignorance. "The town has an iron clad agreement, signed by a duly elected chairman at a duly constituted town meeting. That contract calls for an inspection by three contractors. There probably are methods of procedure to stop payments but to stop them by motion tonight, you haven't got a ghost of a chance."

**Builders Can Sue**  
"Over a month ago I asked for

## His One Hop Links Wintry Canada and Tropical Cuba



NEA Havana Bureau, Transmitted by Telephoto  
Linking Canada and Cuba in a non-stop flight from Windsor, Ontario, George Haldeman, standing third from right, is pictured here immediately after landing at Camp Columbia Airport, near Havana. He covered 1400 miles in less than 13 hours, and landed his Bellanca plane with enough fuel to have carried him 125 miles farther. So quickly was the flight completed that only a few newspapermen and Cuban flyers were at the field when he arrived. Haldeman was the pilot for Ruth Elder in her unsuccessful attempt to fly across the Atlantic.

constructive criticism. Not a single person has been willing to put any complaint on paper or to sign his name to any complaint. The architect and contractor have legal redress and can sue for their money. I am sick and tired of listening to unwarranted and unjust criticism behind my back. If any of you had come to me with your criticisms I would have been glad to explain. For that reason I am handing my resignation to the selectman right now."

Mr. Harding concluded his talk by handing his resignation in writing to Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Welch, who was chairman of the school board when the contract was signed, said "Last February when I appointed a building committee I made some mistakes, but I did not make any mistake in the appointment of Mr. Harding and I want to pay tribute to him. Mr. Perry has done millions of dollars worth of work and to bring him here and insult him in his home town should not have been done and for one I regret it."

Representative George W. Hanbury pointed out that Mr. Perry has the right to insist that any inspector hired by the town should confer with an inspector employed by him, and that if these two fail to agree, he shall select a third.

Mr. Welch asked Mr. Bray if he had any personal knowledge of any defects in the new school building. Mr. Bray replied "No, I haven't been over the building. I am not an architect."

Mr. Howard commented that Mr. Perry and William H. Allen, the builder, would be the last men to put anything in the building that would reflect on their professional reputations.

Mrs. Fred C. Teich, whose husband is an architect, said: "Any reputable firm ought to be willing to pay for an inspection."

**Russell Specifies Complaint**  
Mr. Russell said: "I do not believe that the people in the town are satisfied that the building has been put up according to specifications. I hear the rooms are smaller and the roof has been changed. The lights are not as specified. Mr. Kerr, a heating contractor has looked over the building and has found 15 different things that were not right. When corrections were called to their attention the heating inspector on four different occasions answered, 'Well, who cares?' Mr. Dyer, Mr. Fish and myself did not know of the secret meetings held by the building committee."

Mr. Russell called upon Mr. Fish to corroborate his statement. Mr. Fish failed to comment. Mr. Kerr

either was not present or did not care to speak.

Mr. Walker asked if the school committee had examined the building and found it o. k. Mr. Harding replied that the building was not finished but that the contractor has put into the structure dollar for dollar every cent's worth of work required. "When the building is finished it will be one we will be proud of," he added.

Mr. Fish said he had gone into the building and found that it could be made to vibrate with little effort. "I believe 50 men could shake it to pieces," he said. His remark was greeted with laughter. He added that the auditorium was supposed to be built for dancing, but that there was too much vibration for that purpose.

### Exchange of Replies

Here sarcasm was injected into the controversy. Mr. Harding replied, "Yes, everything is probably wrong. It seems strange that a building put up 26 per cent in excess of the requirements of the government bureau of standards for perfect safety, could be so very wrong."

Mr. Fish replied, "Yes, and children are still coasting in my backyard. I don't care what the government says." The statement was not explained, but evidently had a significance understood by Newington people, who greeted it with laughter.

Mr. Howard replied to Mr. Russell stating that the lights to which he objected had never been accepted, and that the storm heating pipe never was approved by the architect. He added that the board of finance had made an inspection and was satisfied with the job. Instead of there being cooperation Mr. Howard charged, certain members of the committee had caused feeling and criticism which was not to the credit of the town.

"We are doing something that is liable to get the town into a lot of legal difficulties," Mr. Welch commented. "Five people put up their hands that they had inspected the building. None of them are builders and none of them know anything about a building. We are insulting men who have erected buildings for 30 years."

Mr. Perry interrupted to say that he appreciated the free advertising. "I myself would welcome any inspection," he added. "I have a contract I have tried faithfully to fulfill. I have a bond with Mr. Allen for \$74,000. Insofar as vibration is concerned, in a steel building a dog trotting across a bridge that weighs many tons will cause it to vibrate. The auditorium was not designed

for dancing, the gymnasium floor which is of concrete was designed for that purpose. We have had a lot of criticism, which was not fair. Before the heating was finished we had a lot of criticism that the pipes were not straight. They criticised a temporary job. Those pipes had only been put in temporarily while the building was being erected and before the plastering was done."

Asked if he would favor the motion to have the town employ an inspector before accepting the job, Mr. Perry said his contract called for a certain procedure and he was inclined to abide by the terms of the contract.

"I would, however, welcome any inspection the town would make," he said.

Two motions, one that the first motion stopping payments be tabled, and one that the motion providing for an inspector be rescinded, were lost by decision of the chairman after a number of ballots had been taken. A ye and nay vote was challenged by Mr. Welch, who said: "I don't like three or four men shouting over 200."

A standing vote was taken. Then someone challenged this vote because there were about 100 people standing throughout the meeting.

The moderator called for a third vote, asking for a showing of hands.

**Say Votes Were Not Counted**

When the vote was counted someone in the room wanted to know who counted the vote of former representative and Mrs. Elmer V. Pape. Neither Selectman Gilbert nor Mr. Fish, who had been appointed as tellers, remembered counting the vote. Another man then claimed that he knew of eight votes the tellers had not counted.

Judge Welles called for another vote, causing half of the room to vote at one time and the other half at another, only one man counting at a time. Insofar as could be ascertained, the vote was a tie with 74 votes favoring the motions, now almost hopelessly involved, and 74 against, with others not voting. The moderator ruled that the votes for tabled and rescinding the original motions submitted by Messrs. Russell and Bray were lost. This left the meeting as having gone on record as favoring the employment of an inspector and of holding up payments until the inspector was satisfied that the building had been erected according to specifications.

State Food and Dairy Commissioner Thomas P. Holt was instructed to confer with Dr. A. B. Merc-

dith for the selection of an inspector.

**Howard Resigns**  
At this point Mr. Howard, obviously hurt by the criticism, announced that he had served the school committee for a number of years and had done his best, devoting considerable work and thought to the job. "There has been a great deal of unfairness here tonight and I don't feel called upon to serve you any longer," he added, offering his resignation in writing to the selectman.

"Every person in this room appreciates your work for the town," said Judge Welles, replying to Mr. Howard.

The meeting unanimously voted to refuse to accept Mr. Howard's resignation, but he said that despite the vote of confidence, he would stick to his decision. Another motion, unanimous with but two or three exceptions, rejected Mr. Harding's resignation.

Judge Welles said he hoped that Mr. Howard would change his decision over night.

### Linger After Meeting

When the meeting adjourned no one seemed inclined to leave the room. Groups of friends of Mr. Perry gathered around him and expressed their sympathy for the criticisms while others flocked to Mr. Howard's group and added their wishes and hopes that he would reconsider his decision to leave the school board.

The criticisms seemed to be confined to but three or four men, who were very aggressive in their statements. "There have been so many rumors and so much gossip that the people want to see it cleared up," was Judge Welles' comment. To the criticism by Mr. Hanbury that the vote to hire an inspector was illegal because of the terms of the contract, Judge Welles ruled that the town had the right to employ a supplementary inspector, who would act in an unofficial capacity.

Charges of "small town politics" were heard frequently, and "It's too bad," added R. H. Erwin, himself a veteran political campaigner in Newington. "It's a shame," added Mrs. E. B. Prounman, a member of the school committee.

Mr. Howard today said he was still considering the resignation, but had not yet submitted it to the school committee. It is likely he will be prevailed upon to reconsider.

"I do not wish to become involved in any controversy," said Mr. Perry today when asked for a statement. "I don't know of anything irregular with the job."

### FIGHT ON NOBLE STREET

Lieutenant Matthias Rival at police headquarters at 2:15 this morning received a telephone call from the watchman at the North & Judt factory, reporting that a man had come into the gatehouse and complained of trouble at 15 Noble street. Sergeant P. A. McAvay and Officers Estach and Heilberg investigated and reported no cause for arrest, but this noon complaint was made to Captain Kelly that there was trouble again, and Officer Fred Wagner was detailed to investigate.

He arrested John Majkowski on charges of breach of the peace and drunkenness.

### 35 FEBRUARY FIRE ALARMS

The fire department responded to 35 calls during the month of February, 19 of the calls being by bell and 16 "still." Five of the bell alarms were false. The loss could not be estimated today because adjustments have not been made in several instances. The fire at the Lewis, 175 at Main and East Main streets, which caused damage of \$2,326.55, was one of the largest.

### NOTICE

The partnership of Record & Johnson, general contractors, consisting of K. L. Johnson and A. C. Record, will be discontinued by mutual consent on March 1, 1929.

Mr. Record will continue in the contracting business.

Signed,  
K. L. JOHNSON,  
A. C. RECORD.

## PREMIER'S OFFICE YIELDS DYNAMITE

Quebec Prime Minister Doubts Attempt on Life, However

Quebec, Feb. 28 (C)—Premier Taschereau, who found a stick of dynamite on the floor of his office in the legislature building Tuesday night, declares that he is convinced that no attempt was made on his life, but that somebody wanted to destroy his office and its contents.

The premier said nothing about the affair until questioned by friends last night. The fuse attached to the explosive had been lighted but in some way extinguished.

It was suggested around the legislature lobbies today that some legal means would be advised to check disposal of explosives, now easily obtainable by those conducting blasting operations.

The police said the dynamite was of the most powerful type and had exploded would have wrecked the portion of the building in which the premier's office is located. Officials were unable to explain why any attempt should have been made on the premier's life.

Freshly made footprints in the snow on the steps leading to the St. Julie street entrance caused the police to believe entrance was made in this manner. This door, they said, usually was kept locked at night, they also found that the key opening the St. Julie street door also opened that of the premier's ante-chamber.

### City Items

St. Mary's Ladies T. A. and B. society will hold a meeting in Y. M. T. A. and B. hall tonight at 8 o'clock. A social hour will follow. Miss Amelia Diamond of 551 Stanley street is resting comfortably at the New Britain General Hospital following an operation for appendicitis.

Enjoy Hoffman's delicious Hot Cross Buns daily all through Lent.

Michael Radziewicz of 174 Broad street was driving the car which struck Leocadia Waskiewicz of 14 Gold street at Broad and Gold streets yesterday shortly before noon, according to Officer William O'Marra's report. The child, who is six years of age and a pupil at Sacred Heart school, was only slightly injured.

A daughter was born at New Britain General Hospital today to Mr. and Mrs. John Daley of 23 Cabot street.

The day patrolmen will attend a session of the police school in connection with Detective Sergeant W. P. McGuire at 8 o'clock tonight.

Members of the Lady Owls and friends will hold a social at the home of Mrs. Rose Meeker, 80 Pleasant street, this evening.

Charles S. Gaffney of 21 Green-

### City Advertisement

**SEWER IN MANFIELD AVENUE**  
Clerk's Office City of New Britain, Feb. 28, 1929.

To Whom It May Concern:  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Compensation and Assessment of the City of New Britain, has made the following assessments of special benefits or betterments caused by the construction of a sewer in Mansfield Avenue, from East Street westerly 159 feet, viz:

**Mansfield Avenue**

North Side	Benefits
Daniel Marchese	\$28.50
Louis Gudin	72.50
South Side	
Steve Golobowski	101.50

Total ..... \$202.50

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wood street, underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday at the New Britain General Hospital. Today he was reported to be resting comfortably.

Frank E. Chase, Jr., of 1556 Stanley street will leave for Washington tomorrow for a week's visit.

Henry E. Nimro, of 218 Winthrop street, is in Rutland, Vt., on a four weeks' business trip.

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**SEWER IN LANDERS AVENUE**  
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To Whom It May Concern:  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Compensation and Assessment of the City of New Britain, has made the following assessments of special benefits or betterments caused by the construction of a sewer in Landers Avenue, from near Sherrill Street to East Street, viz:

**Landers Avenue**

North Side	Benefits
Hilda and Ella Sandberg	\$73.50
Leonida Nowak	223.50
Ann Barth	70.00
South Side	
Stafelio Iamizzi	72.50
Frank Peronce	72.50
Nicholas Peronce	72.50
Frank Chioda	72.50
Lillian and Emil Flesch	72.50
Joseph C. Lavianna	72.50
Roy G. and Catherine M. Leonard	72.50
Robert C. Wright	72.50
Josephine Wright	24.65

Total ..... \$971.45

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**SEWER IN HAZELMERE ROAD**  
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To Whom It May Concern:  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Compensation and Assessment of the City of New Britain, has made the following assessments of special benefits or betterments caused by the construction of a sewer in Hazelmere Road, from Kilbourne Avenue to near Pendleton Road, viz:

**Hazelmere Road**

East Side	Benefits
Louis S. Jones	\$108.50
Louis S. Jones	93.00
Louis S. Jones	94.20
Louis S. Jones	96.60
Louis S. Jones	152.82
St. Mark's Parish of New Britain	189.00
Ruth E. and Michael J. Smith	92.00
Irone I. Hall	105.80
Wm. P. and Elizabeth E. Schumay	92.00
David F. Northwick	92.00
John R. Peterson	92.00
Samuel G. Austin	92.00
George Schmitt	92.00
George Schmitt	92.00
Louis S. Jones	92.00
Louis S. Jones	112.81
Louis S. Jones	121.13
Louis S. Jones	135.00

West Side:

Louis S. Jones	108.50
Louis S. Jones	92.00
Louis S. Jones	92.00
Louis S. Jones	92.40
Louis S. Jones	91.80
Louis S. Jones	90.60
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Louis S. Jones	107.10
Joseph P. Callahan	117.75
Louis S. Jones	94.20
Louis S. Jones	94.20
Louis S. Jones	95.40
Louis S. Jones	108.00
Louis S. Jones	120.05

Total ..... \$4,011.86

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